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MEMORANDUM FOR:[REDACTED]  
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: [REDACTED]  
Security Committee/ICS

SUBJECT : Preliminary Draft Executive Order Responsive to PRM-29

1. Attached for your information is a copy of the draft Executive Order being developed in response to PRM-29, and in accordance with the recommendations of the PRM-29 ad hoc committee as approved by the SCC. The attached version is my understanding of what had been tentatively agreed to as of the close of the 2 August 1977 drafting session. Further changes should be expected, but are likely to be focused on those areas where the drafters (from OMB, Defense, State, ICRC, and IC Staff) still have concerns, and on those areas where it is planned to ask the President to decide unresolved issues (secrecy agreements, placement of the new Oversight Office). Our present concerns center on the classification criteria (Section 2(b)) and on mandatory review (Section 4(e)). The drafters have tentatively agreed to cover accountability for classification, and identification and marking of Restricted Data in the implementing directive.

2. As I understand it, the earliest date by which the formal draft Order will become available is 22 August 1977. Plans envisage up to three weeks allowed for agency comment. If any of you find any significant flaws in the attached draft, please get in touch with me as soon as possible with full particulars so I can try to get the draft changed on an informal basis.

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Attachment:  
as statedcc: Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
Chairman, COMIREX[REDACTED]  
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